

2019

RACIAL PROFILING ANALYSIS



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This report reflects motor vehicle stop activities of the Dallas Police Department for the calendar year 2019 as required by Article 2.132 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. This report does not include traffic stops by other police agencies in the City of Dallas.

Statistical Data on Racial Profiling

Data was collected from January 1 – December 31, 2019 that summarizes the information relating to:

- The race or ethnicity of the individual detained
- Whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the individual detained consented to the search
- Whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that individual
- Whether the peace officer used physical force that resulted in bodily injury during the stop
- The location of the stop
- The reason for the stop
- The result of the stop

Officers are to record the race/ethnicity of the driver detained on all motor vehicle stops based on observation to the best of their ability and are not to rely solely on the Texas Driver License or Identification Card issued to the individual, which does not include the same race/ethnicity categories as defined in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 2.132 (a) (3). The policy of the Dallas Police Department is that officers will not ask a person for their race or ethnicity. (General Order 302.01 J: “Officers will not ask an individual for their race, but will make that determination to the best of their ability.”)

Beginning in 2018, the state of Texas no longer allowed agencies to claim what was previously referred to as “Tier 1 exemption.” This exemption was available to agencies that equipped all police vehicles, that routinely made traffic stops, with dash cameras. If claimed, the agency was permitted to report a more limited data set. In 2018, the Dallas Police Department began gathering and reporting all data required by law.

Summary of Data

Summary of 2019 Traffic Stops vs. Population Estimate

Sex	Traffic Contacts		Population Estimate
	Total	% of Total	% Total
Male	57,357	61.3%	49.6%
Female	36,169	38.7%	50.4%
Race / Ethnicity			
Black	34,487	36.9%	24.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,588	1.7%	3.3%
White	21,611	23.1%	29.1%
Hispanic/Latino	35,379	37.8%	41.7%
Alaskan Native / American Indian	461	0.5%	0.1%
Total	93,526	100%	1,345,047

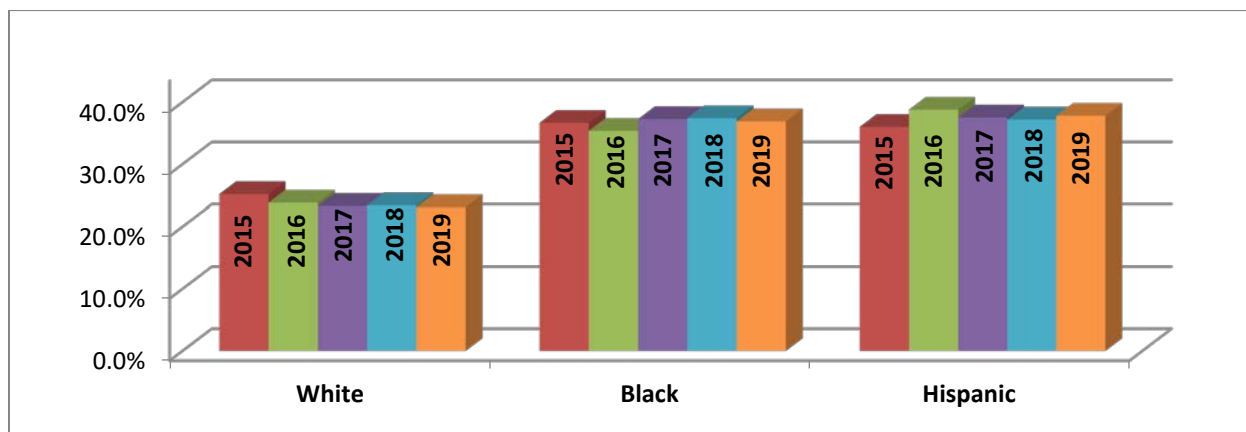
U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimate Program produces and disseminates official population estimates. The most recent demographic estimates at the time of publication are from the 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates.

The data in the above table is a combination of a US Census population estimate and demographic data from the American Community Survey. This data is a combination of races and Hispanic ethnicities.

The census includes an estimated 2.6% of people who claim more than one race, Texas statute only allows reporting of listed races/ethnicities.

The overall number of traffic contacts increased from 65,656 in 2018, to 93,526 in 2019. The percentage of traffic contacts by race remained relatively unchanged. Additional analysis of racial profiling data is contained in the appendix of this document.

Historical Traffic Contacts



RACE	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Number of contacts	Percent of Total	Number of contacts	Percent of Total	Number of contacts	Percent of Total	Number of contacts	Percent of Total	Number of contacts	Percent of Total
White	26,834	25.2%	20,771	23.8%	21,206	23.3%	14,662	23.4%	21,611	23.1%
Black	39,050	36.7%	30,840	35.4%	33,921	37.3%	23,422	37.4%	34,487	36.9%
Hispanic	38,356	36.0%	33,811	38.8%	34,154	37.5%	23,301	37.2%	35,379	37.8%
Asian	1,199	1.1%	901	1.0%	1,018	1.1%	1,042	1.7%	1,588	1.7%
Native American	8	0.0%	24	0.0%	192	0.2%	229	0.4%	461	0.5%
Middle Eastern	226	0.2%	350	0.4%	512	0.6%	-	-	-	-
Other	834	0.8%	469	0.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	106,507	100.0%	87,166	100.0%	91,003	100.0%	62,656	100.0%	93,526	100.0%

As of 2017, other is no longer accepted by TCOLE as a valid, 2018 removed middle eastern as a race, Native American now 'Alaskan Native/American Indian' Asian now 'Asian/Pacific Islander'. Data collection prior to 2018 only included citations or arrests.

Assignment of Department Resources

The Dallas Police Department focuses the majority of its proactive enforcement in areas called TAAGs (Targeted Area Action Grids). These 31 small areas were identified solely by the number of crimes occurring. While representing only about 8% of the geographic area of the city, TAAGs accounted for about 36% of the overall crime in 2019. These areas are populated with mostly minority populations. The more resources that target these areas, the more the traffic contact data will overrepresent minority populations. The Dallas Police Department emphasizes discretion when issuing citations in these areas. This is represented in the traffic stop data, as drivers identified as Hispanic or black are more likely to receive verbal warnings than those determined to be white.

Mobile Video Recorders and Body Worn Cameras

The Dallas Police Department has been at the forefront in advocating for the use of cameras for documentation of police/citizen contacts, and it remains our belief that only through this method will an accurate assessment of issues relating to these contacts be possible. This position is present in current legislation, which was collaboratively written by Senator Royce West and the Dallas Police Department.

As of December 2019, audio/video cameras have been installed in one hundred percent of the nine hundred twenty-six (926) police vehicles that routinely perform motor vehicle stops. Furthermore, as of December 2019 there are one thousand four hundred forty-seven (1,447) body cameras that have been issued to officers including 35 cameras issued to the police motorcycle unit.

There are plans to issue additional cameras to officers in 2020 with the ultimate goal of having all uniformed officers and supervisors issued body worn cameras.

DVR Review Team and Supervisory Video Review

The mission of the DVR (Digital Video Recorder) Review Team is to preserve the integrity of the work of the Dallas Police Department through regular reviews of the content of police in-car digital video recordings to ensure compliance with Departmental rules and regulations, as well as local, state, and federal laws.

Regular reviews ensure departmental accountability by identifying conduct that might bring discredit to the Department, training opportunities for improvement, development of field operating procedures, and incidents of commendable behavior.

Supervisors also conduct regular reviews of videos from officers under their command as required by TX77RSB1074; at a minimum, these reviews are to be conducted at least twice each year for all patrol officers assigned to them to assess officer behavior, as per General Order 328.03 D1.

2019 DVR Team Reviews	
Reviewed Evading Arrest offenses	422
Vehicle Pursuit Audits	34
Commendations Recommended	14

As of November 2013, consensual searches with no documentation or audio/video recording are no longer allowed. Officers are required to document all consensual searches that are conducted, even if no seizure or arrest is made.

Supervisors are also required to conduct regular reviews of body worn camera video to ensure compliance with departmental policy.

Complaints Regarding Racial Profiling

The Dallas Police Department has established procedures for accepting complaints regarding racial profiling from citizens, and provides public education relating to the process for filing such complaints. Complaints regarding racial profiling are handled in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 614.021-614.023, as interpreted by the City Attorney.

The following are the number of complaints alleging racial profiling for the past five years. All complaints in the previous years have been Unfounded or Not Sustained.

Year	Number of Complaints Related to Racial Profiling	Disposition
2015	12	Unfounded 6 Not Sustained 6
2016	9	Unfounded 7 Not Sustained 2
2017	6	Unfounded 3 Not Sustained 3
2018	1	Unfounded 1
2019	2	Unfounded 1 Not Sustained 1

UNFOUNDED -- the investigation determined that the act or acts complained of did not occur.

NOT SUSTAINED -- the investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.

Conclusion

The Dallas Police Department is committed to providing all information required to comply with the Racial Profiling Law. The Department continues to take steps to ensure that it also complies with the intent of the law.

Based on current departmental policy regarding data collection, the data, number of complaints, training, and philosophy of the Department, no evidence of a pattern of racial profiling by the members of the Dallas Police Department was found. The Department is in compliance with applicable Texas law on the collection of racial profiling data.

City of Dallas Population Demographics

Race / Ethnicity	Black	Asian / Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic / Latino	Alaskan Native / American Indian
Race / Ethnicity Percent	24.00%	3.30%	29.10%	41.70%	0.10%

2019 Motor Vehicle Stops

Race / Ethnicity	Black	Asian / Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic / Latino	Alaskan Native / American Indian
Race / Ethnicity # / Percent	34,487 / 36.9%	1,588 / 1.7%	21,611 / 23.1%	35,379 / 37.8%	461 / 0.5%

2019 Motor Vehicle Stop Dispositions

Race / Ethnicity	Black	Asian / Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic / Latino	Alaskan Native / American Indian
Arrest	784 / 2.3%	15 / 0.9%	230 / 1.1%	620 / 1.8%	4 / 0.9%
Citation	26,219 / 76.0%	1,118 / 70.4%	17,369 / 80.4%	27,733 / 78.4%	408 / 88.5%
Citation and Arrest	111 / 0.3%	0 / 0.0%	22 / 0.1%	69 / 0.2%	2 / 0.4%
Verbal Warning / No Offense	7,327 / 21.2%	454 / 28.6%	3,973 / 18.4%	6,921 / 19.6%	46 / 10.0%
Written Warning	41 / 0.1%	1 / 0.1%	17 / 0.1%	33 / 0.1%	1 / 0.2%
Written Warning and Arrest	5 / 0.0%	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0.0%	3 / 0.0%	0 / 0.0%
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2019 Motor Vehicle Stop Searches

Race / Ethnicity	Black		Asian / Pacific Islander		White		Hispanic / Latino		Alaskan Native / American Indian	
Consent	99	0.3%	1	0.1%	43	0.2%	111	0.3%	1	0.2%
Contraband in Plain View	58	0.2%	0	0.0%	19	0.1%	51	0.1%	0	0.0%
Incident to Arrest	413	1.2%	6	0.4%	125	0.6%	303	0.9%	3	0.7%
Inventory	944	2.7%	10	0.6%	180	0.8%	686	1.9%	2	0.4%
Probable Cause	258	0.7%	3	0.2%	44	0.2%	227	0.6%	1	0.2%
No Search	32,715	94.9%	1,568	98.7%	21,200	98.1%	34,001	96.1%	454	98.5%
Total	34,487	100.0%	1,588	100.0%	21,611	100.0%	35,379	100.0%	461	100.0%

2019 Motor Vehicle Stop Searches Resulting in Contraband or Evidence

Race / Ethnicity	Black		Asian / Pacific Islander		White		Hispanic / Latino		Alaskan Native / American Indian	
Contraband or Evidence Found	414	23.4%	4	20.0%	121	29.4%	382	27.7%	3	42.9%
No Contraband or Evidence	1,358	76.6%	16	80.0%	290	70.6%	996	72.3%	4	57.1%
Total	1,772	100.0%	20	100.0%	411	100.0%	1,378	100.0%	7	100.0%

RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

Agency Name: DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
Reporting Date: 02/26/2020
TCOLE Agency Number: 113208
Chief Administrator: RENEÉ HALL
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Texas Occupations Code 1701.164 specifies that TCOLE collect incident-based data in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2.131 – 2.138. Chief administrators of law enforcement agencies that meet the criteria must submit racial profiling reports to their governing body, as well as TCOLE.

The Dallas Police Department meets the criteria of full reporting.

In 2019 two complaints of racial profiling were made against officers of this department, and the disposition of these complaints were one unfounded and one not sustained.

The following is the Dallas Police Department's 2019 report on racial profiling as required by law.

Executed by: **RENEÉ HALL**
Chief Administrator
DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
Date: 02/26/2020

DALLAS POLICE DEPT. Motor Vehicle Racial Profiling Information

Total Stops: 93,526

1. Gender:

Female: 36,169

Male: 57,357

2. Race or ethnicity:

Black: 34,487

Asian/Pacific Islander: 1,588

White: 21,611

Hispanic/Latino: 35,379

Alaska Native/American Indian: 461

3. Was race or ethnicity known prior to stop?

Yes 1,713

No 91,813

4. Reason for stop:

Violation of law 5,981

Preexisting knowledge 1,719

Moving traffic violation 71,500

Vehicle traffic violation 14,326

5. Street address or approximate location of the stop:

City street 88,299

US highway 1,593

County road 411

State highway 2,883

Private property or other 340

6. Was a search conducted?

Yes 3,588

No 89,938

7. Reason for search:	
Consent	255
Contraband in plain view	128
Probable cause	533
Inventory	1,822
Incident to arrest	850

8. Was contraband discovered?	
Yes	924
No	2,664

9. Description of contraband:	
Drugs	690
Currency	35
Weapons	158
Alcohol	91
Stolen Property	19
Other	21

10. Result of the stop:	
Verbal warning	18,721
Written warning	93
Citation	72,847
Written warning and arrest	8
Citation and arrest	204
Arrest	1,653

Arrest Total = 1,865

11. Arrest Based on:	
Violation of Penal Code	721
Violation of Traffic Law	153
Violation of City Ordinance	25
Outstanding Warrant	966

12. Was physical force resulting in bodily injury used during stop?

Yes 303

No 93,223